system of NHs. The terms of reference of the Committee inter-alia include the objective of evolving a rational method of re-numbering the NHs reflecting the connectivity preferably in alphanumeric form, duly considering the direction of NHs.

(e) and (f) For managing Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects, the Government has approved creation of an additional post of Member (PPP) in the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for enabling effective implementation of NH projects on PPP mode.

DPR for NH-14 in Rajasthan

†1986. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DPR of Kishangarh-Ajmer- Byavar road (NH-8) has been prepared by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI);

(b) whether tender has not been invited for Byavar-Pali-Sirohi-Pidwada road (NH-14);

(c) by when this tender would be invited; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Tenders for Beawar-Pali-Pindwara road (NH-14) have been invited for widening to 4-lane.

(c) and (d) Approval of the Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC) for Kishangarh-Ajmer-Beawar road (NH-8) has been obtained. The process for prequalification and shortlisting of bidders has been completed for inviting financial bids by March, 2009. For Beawar-Pali-Sirohi-Pindwara road (NH-14), the preparation of feasibility report has been undertaken.

World Bank assistance for NH projects

1987. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank is seriously considering to suspend the disbursement of funds for National Highway projects in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to address safety concerns on these projects; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) The World Bank (WB) has shown concern over the slow progress of works in 5 packages (WB-5, WB-9, WB-10, WB-11 and WB-12) out of the 12 packages of Lucknow-Muzaffarpur National Highway Project (LMNHP) on National Highway-28 and lack of safety norms at project sites. Safety measures at project sites are taken by respective contractors in accordance with the provisions of the contracts which are monitored by Supervision Consultants and field units of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). In order to address the concern over safety measures, the NHAI has worked out an Action Plan which includes the following:—

(i) Appointment of General Manager (Safety).

(ii) Engagement of Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) as Road Safety Auditors.

(iii) Issue of instructions to all the Project Directors for ensuring work site safety.

(iv) Deployment of Safety Officer in each package by Supervision Consultant for ensuring work site safety.

Motor Vehicles Act

1988. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in recent fatal road accidents which took place in Mumbai and Delhi, teenagers who had neither basic idea of the risk involved while driving rashly nor were they found in possession of driving licenses; and

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to amend the Motor Vehicles Act and make provisions for taking a severe action against the owners of such cars as well as seize/cancel their licenses in order to avoid such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The details relating to the accidents/cases are not available with the Central Government.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 15.5.07 which consists inter-alia the enhancement of punishment to the vehicle owner to allow unauthorized person to drive the vehicle. The provision for cancellation of driving licence already exists in the Act.

Proposals for NHs

1989. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the roads proposed by the State Governments for inclusion in the list of National Highways in North-Eastern States;